

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A nipple comprising:

a stem; and

5 a base connected to said stem, said base having an areola region and a bulbous region, said areola region being positioned between said stem and said bulbous region and simulates the shape and function of the areola region of a woman's breast.

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2. The nipple of claim 1, wherein said bulbous region simulates the shape and function of the region of a woman's breast surrounding the areola region.

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3. The nipple of claim 2, wherein said areola region has an outwardly curved shape.

4. The nipple of claim 3, wherein said areola region has a radius of curvature of about 5.0 mm to about 10.0 mm.

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5. The nipple of claim 2, wherein said bulbous region has an outwardly curved shape.

6. The nipple of claim 5, wherein said bulbous region  
25 has a radius of curvature of about 10.0 mm to about 19.0 mm.

7. The nipple of claim 3, wherein said stem, said areola region and said bulbous region are integrally formed.

5 8. The nipple of claim 3, further comprising a securing structure.

9. The nipple of claim 8, wherein said securing structure is a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous  
10 region.

10. The nipple of claim 9, wherein said flange has an annular channel.

15 11. The nipple of claim 3, wherein said stem is elongated.

12. The nipple of claim 11, wherein said stem has a length of about 16.0 mm to about 26.0 mm.

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13. The nipple of claim 3, wherein said stem is tapered.

14. A nipple comprising:

25 a stem; and

a base connected to said stem, said base having an areola region with a first wall thickness and a bulbous region with a second wall thickness, said areola region being positioned between said stem and said bulbous region and simulates the shape and function of the areola region of a woman's breast, wherein said first wall thickness is greater than at least a portion of said second wall thickness.

10        15. The nipple of claim 14, wherein said bulbous region simulates the shape and function of the region of a woman's breast surrounding the areola region.

15        16. The nipple of claim 15, wherein said areola region has an outwardly curved shape.

17. The nipple of claim 16, wherein said areola region has a radius of curvature of about 5.0 mm to about 10.0 mm.

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19. The nipple of claim 18, wherein said bulbous region has a radius of curvature of about 10.0 mm to about 19.0 mm.

20. The nipple of claim 16, wherein said stem, said areola region and said bulbous region are integrally formed.

5        21. The nipple of claim 16, further comprising a securing structure.

22. The nipple of claim 21, wherein said securing structure is a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous  
10 region.

23. The nipple of claim 22, wherein said flange has an annular channel.

15        24. The nipple of claim 16, wherein said stem is elongated.

25. The nipple of claim 24, wherein said stem has a length of about 16.0 mm to about 26.0 mm.

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26. The nipple of claim 16, wherein said stem is tapered.

27. A nipple comprising:  
25 a stem; and

a base connected to said stem, said base having an areola region with a first wall thickness and a bulbous region with a second wall thickness, said areola region being positioned between said stem and said bulbous region and simulates the shape and function of the areola region of a woman's breast, said bulbous region simulates the shape and function of the region of a woman's breast surrounding the areola region, wherein said first wall thickness is greater than at least a portion of said second wall thickness, and wherein said stem, said areola region and said bulbous region are integrally formed.

28. The nipple of claim 27, further comprising a securing structure.

29. The nipple of claim 28, wherein said securing structure is a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous region.

30. The nipple of claim 29, wherein said flange has an annular channel.

31. The nipple of claim 27, wherein said stem is elongated.

32. The nipple of claim 31, wherein said stem has a length of about 16.0 mm to about 26.0 mm.

33. The nipple of claim 27, wherein said stem is  
5 tapered.